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NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY - July 25, 2008

United States Attorney Karen P. Hewitt announced that Benjamin James Nazario pled guilty today in federal court in San Diego to an Information charging him with one count of possession of child pornography, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2252(a)(4)(B). Nazario entered his guilty plea before United States District Court Judge Barry Ted Moskowitz.

According to court documents, Nazario admitted that on or about August 6, 2007, he possessed at least thirteen videos on his computer that contained images of minors engaging in sexually explicit conduct with adults. According to the documents, Qualcomm, Inc., reported to law enforcement that Nazario had used a peer-to-peer file sharing program to request and download files containing child pornography names on its premises, where Nazario had been working as a security guard. Nazario later admitted to law enforcement agents that he had downloaded child pornography at Qualcomm over the Internet using his personal laptop computer. Sentencing for Nazario is scheduled for October 29, 2008, before Judge Moskowitz.

This case stems from an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, which is a member of the San Diego Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, other members of the task force include the

Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the San Diego Police Department, the San Diego County Sheriff's Department, the Chula Vista Police Department, the United States Attorney's Office, the San Diego District Attorney's Office, the United States Postal Inspection Service, the Naval Criminal Investigative Service, the United States Marshals Service, the Regional Computer Forensics Laboratory, the Defense Criminal Investigative Service, and the El Cajon Police Department.

This case is being brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide Department of Justice initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov.

DEFENDANT

Case Number: 08CR1981-BTM

BENJAMIN JAMES NAZARIO

SUMMARY OF CHARGES

Title 18, United States Code, Section and 2252(a)(4)(B) (Possession of Child Pornography)
Maximum Penalties: 10 years' incarceration, \$250,000 fine, a minimum of 5 years and up to a lifetime of supervised release and registration as a sex offender.

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